

LOCAL MATTERS.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES.—Jan. 9, 1879.—For the Middle Atlantic States northeast to southeast wind, warmer, cloudy and rainy weather, with falling barometer, and the rivers will rise rapidly.

COLUMBIA S. F. E. Co.—The annual meeting of this company was held last evening, M. McLean in the chair and L. Campbell, Secretary pro tem.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Thirty-seven active members answered to the roll call.

Two applications for active membership were received and referred to the proper committee.

The chairman of the special committee on arrangements for the coming 221 parade, made a report, which was approved.

A vote of thanks was tendered to a member for a handsome clock which he presented to the company to be placed upon the mantle.

The following report of the Executive Committee was received and approved:

ALEXANDRIA VA. Jan. 9 1879.
To the officers and members of the Columbia S. F. E. Co.:

Gentlemen: It is a matter of congratulation for the property holders of our city and the insurance companies represented here, that your Executive Committee, in making an annual report, finds so little material at hand to make an interesting one.

Our company has been in actual service during the past 1878, as follows: Jan. 31, D. O. O. and S. B. property, on Washington st., 2 hours; Feb. 1, El. P. Co., on Washington st., 2 hours; March 4, El. P. Co., on Washington st., 2 hours; April 2, El. P. Co., on Washington st., 2 hours; May 2, El. P. Co., on Washington st., 2 hours; June 2, El. P. Co., on Washington st., 2 hours; July 2, El. P. Co., on Washington st., 2 hours; Aug. 2, El. P. Co., on Washington st., 2 hours; Sept. 2, El. P. Co., on Washington st., 2 hours; Oct. 2, El. P. Co., on Washington st., 2 hours; Nov. 2, El. P. Co., on Washington st., 2 hours; Dec. 2, El. P. Co., on Washington st., 2 hours; total 5 hours and 16 minutes. In addition to this there were twenty-two false alarms and similar occurrences when the apparatus was not in service.

From the report of the Fire Wardens it seems the total expenses of the fire in 1878, including this company were \$187 33.

We regret to chronicle the death, during the year, of one of our members, Mr. A. J. Kell, whose life was shortened, we have no doubt, by exposure to fire duty.

It is with pleasure that we again call attention to the fidelity of Mr. L. Campbell, engineer, and Henry Posey, driver.

In conclusion we wish you and all a happy and prosperous new year, as friends and citizens. Respectfully submitted,

Wm. A. SMITH,
Thos. V. RUSSELL.

The company then proceeded to elect officers for the coming year, with the following result: President, M. McLean; 1st Vice President, R. W. Fells; 2nd Vice President, R. C. Agnew; Recording Secretary, John W. Gaudin; Corresponding Secretary, D. W. Patterson; Treasurer, M. H. Jaeger; Commander of Hose, Joseph K. Hardy; 1st Assistant Commander of Hose, J. H. Massie; 2nd do., J. C. Creighton; P. M. Director, M. Riley; Phoenix, Charles Dudley; John McQuinn; Benj. Hughes; Geo. N. Dudley; James Smith and Charles Summers.

The meeting then adjourned.

THE WEATHER.—The rain and warm weather of yesterday still continues, but in a much increased form. During last night the rain came down in torrents and there has been little cessation during the day. The crossing at most of the street corners, being clogged up with ice and snow, were rendered impassable by the heavy flow of water, which in some places covered the whole of the street.

On the river the ice has become a perfect honey-comb, and skating and ice gathering are at an end. The tug Breckinridge succeeded this morning in towing the railroad transfer barge across to Shepers, for the first time since the freeze commenced. All of the creeks and runs to the adjacent country are very much swollen and fears are entertained of a freshet, caused by the melting of the snow and ice and the heavy rains in the upper country. Should the breaking up of the ice besides the efforts cannot fail to be disastrous, especially at Georgetown and the Long bridge. It was reported this morning that the latter structure was being carefully watched by an extra force of railroad men to prevent accidents.

HANDSOME PRESENT.—The New Orleans Times, in its notice of the closing of the late commercial convention in that city, says:—

"There was a very pleasant little scene enacted between Gen. Fitzhugh Lee and Mr. Tupper, chairman of the committee of arrangements, yesterday, after the final adjournment of the convention."

Mr. Tupper approached General Lee and addressed him in a highly complimentary manner with respect to the satisfactory way in which he had performed the duties of presiding officer of the convention. Both presented him, on behalf of the committee of arrangements, a beautiful little ivory pencil.

Gen. Lee was taken by surprise, but with readiness and tact, he accepted the gift, and replied to Mr. Tupper's complimentary elegance in a way that made him feel entirely happy.

Mr. Dudley Coleman then took possession of the pencil for the purpose of having Gen. Lee's name, the date of presentation, and by whom presented, engraved upon it.

After this is done the pencil will be returned to General Lee.

The pencil was received by Gen. Lee, a day or two since, and is surrounded with a heavy silver band bearing the name of Gen. Lee and those of the committee of arrangements.

PRESBYTERY OF CHESAPEAKE.—The Presbyter of Chesapeake met in the Second Presbyterian Church, in this city, yesterday.

Rev. Wm. D. Davidson, acting as Moderator and Rev. A. W. P. Z. was greeted of the.

Besides the officers there were present Rev. John Gannon, of Leesburg; J. H. Russell, of Richmond; Wm. Snider, of Fairfax; and Wm. of Culpeper. Elders D. Gray, of Culpeper; Harper, of Leesburg; and George Wise, of Alexandria.

The session was opened with prayer by the Moderator.

Statements were heard from Elders Patterson and Friend, of the Second Presbyterian Church of Petersburg, Elder Gray, of Culpeper, and Rev. Mr. Wm. in regard to the call from the first named to Rev. Mr. Wm.

It was resolved that the call was not constitutionally before, the Presbytery, but it should be considered informally.

The Presbytery, after hearing the statements of all parties, resolved to accept Rev. Mr. Wm. that he should not accept the call to Petersburg.

LEGISLATION.—In the State Senate, yesterday, the House bill to incorporate the town of Herndon, in the county of Fairfax, was passed.

Mr. Muesbeck has introduced in the House of Delegates a bill to incorporate the Grand United Order of Sons and Daughters of Zion, of Virginia.

Gen. Lee presented in the Senate the petition of citizens of Fairfax and Alexandria counties against the passage of the House bill for submitting the repeal of the F. No. 1 law, in whole or in part, to the voters of Mount Vernon and Centerville districts, in the county of Fairfax.

RAILROAD SHOPS.—The Charlottesville Jeffersonian says:—"It is reported that the Virginia Midland Railroad Company, have been notified to vacate the shops they now occupy, owned by the C. & O. Railway Company, and that they may be forced to move elsewhere. This order was issued to take effect on the 15th of this month and in order to make room for the C. & O. shops, that are expected to be brought from Alexandria."

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

Rev. Dr. Norton resumed his lecture on the "Book of Common Prayer," in St. Paul's Church lecture room, last night, and having, in the course, reached "The Lord's Prayer," gave a concise, but most learned, interesting, instructive, and, at times, elegant exposition of that divine utterance.

To attempt any synopsis of the discourse would be a gross act of injustice to the learned lecturer, who possesses, in so eminent a degree, those powers of condensation and discernment, that to omit any part would spoil the context, and we therefore merely notice the lecture.

Dr. Norton can condense more information in a given time than almost any speaker we ever heard, but with due deference to his judgment, his information, last night, that he must hurry through on account of the lateness of the subject, does not accord with the views of his auditors, who would be much more pleased at a prolongation, and equally pleased if each lecture were drawn out a little longer. All who hear these lectures are delighted, and the only criticism we have heard upon them is that they are too short.

DISPUTE OVER A CORPSE.—The Washington correspondent of the Baltimore Sun says:—"The funeral of Mr. Allison Naylor, of this city, took place yesterday. The marshal of the District, with legal process, was called in last night to get the corpse from the house of a Mrs. Connelly, where Mr. Naylor (having separated from his family) had lately resided. The remains were then carried to the home of his family, from which the funeral took place. It is said he has made a will in favor of Mrs. Connelly, and that there will be a contest over his estate, which is of considerable value."

FUNERALS.—The remains of the late J. J. Wickett arrived here from Baltimore at 11:30 o'clock, and were met at the A. & W. depot by a large number of relatives and friends. They were conveyed to Ivy Hill Cemetery and placed in the vault there. Rev. Dr. Norton officiated at the funeral services, and the pall bearers were Messrs. Arthur Herbert, J. B. Smoot, Herbert Bryant, W. H. Marbury, A. McLean and M. D. Corse.

The funeral of the late W. B. Richards took place from the residence of Mr. L. O. O'Neil this evening, and was largely attended.

COLORADO WEDDING.—Chas. C. Claggett, lately a teacher at Hallowell school and Dennis M. Payne, of San Francisco, both colored, were united at the altar at the R. B. church, last evening, by Rev. G. T. Puckney. The wedding was largely attended by the most respectable colored people of this city and Washington, and a reception followed at the residence of Wm. Claggett, the bride's father on Duke street. A number of handsome presents were made the bride, including one of \$700 from the groom.

POLICE REPORT.—The following cases have been heard since yesterday.

David Marlow, colored, for stealing butter from Harlow Bies, was sent out for Court.

Wm. Morgan, colored, accused of complicity in a robbery, was held for further examination.

George Sittler, colored, for the same offense was dismissed.

A warrant was issued for the arrest of a white man, for having some of the butter in his possession.

CORPORATION COURT.—Judge E. M. Lowe presiding.—J. T. H. Hall vs. Austin Brown; in chancery; report of Kent and Stuart, commissioners of sale, filed and approved, and order for sale.

German Banking Company vs. Sealeman; assumpsit; jury out.

Sundry accounts of officers for public services were examined and allowed.

DANGEROUS.—The covering of the old pump well at the Southwest intersection of Cameron and Patrick streets, caved in this morning, and left a very dangerous hole in the sidewalk. The coverings of many other old pump wells in town are very much sunken and in a dangerous condition. It might be well for the authorities to look after them before some serious accident occurs.

U. S. CIRCUIT COURT.—Judge R. W. Hughes presiding.—U. S. vs. S. D. Boyd and David H. Green, for violation of the revenue law; jury, and finding of guilty, verdict with costs.

U. S. vs. Thomas O. Sweeney, violation of revenue law; jury, and case to proceed.

In re John Powell, bankrupt; order confirming assignee's report of sale of real estate.

PERSONAL.—Mr. Francis Miller, formerly of this city, but now of Montgomery county, Md., is among those named to fill the prospective vacancy on the bench of the District of Columbia.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Attention is called to the notice of the performance of Miss Taylor on Monday night.

A new postoffice has been established at Cone wharf, Northumberland county, Va., on the tomb road from Potomac to Cone wharf, with John F. Pope as postmaster.

Marriage licenses have been issued in Washington to George W. James, of Richmond, Va., and Mary W. S. of this city; Charles Kernick, of Caroline county, Va., and Betty Smith, of Georgetown, D. C.

A boy named John Wood, aged about sixteen years, fell from a tree Tuesday night and broke an arm and leg.

The popular verdict is generally the right one; and concerning Dr. Ball's Cough Syrup people have long since decided that it is the best cough remedy ever introduced.

MISS BERTHA VON HILLEN. The CLE BRATED PIANIST—The only remedy used by her, which she and continued to use, and which, curing her matches, is Gals' Laidme Laidme Ammonia. It not only relieves her rheumatic muscles and joints, but gives her strength and endurance. "She is never without a supply of the Laidme."

Sent to Dr. Gals, 451 Sixth avenue, N. Y., for pamphlet containing full information. Sold by E. S. Leadbeater & Bro. Trial size 25 cents.

PRICE LIST OF GOODFATHER'S RUBBER. at the 1st of Nov. Auction House: Gals' first class, 15c; 2nd class, 12c; 3rd class, 10c; 4th class, 8c; 5th class, 6c; 6th class, 4c; 7th class, 3c; 8th class, 2c; 9th class, 1c; 10th class, 1c.

HOUSEHOLD ECONOMY.—The housekeeper who makes economy in the kitchen, and so on in one direction by always using DOOLEY'S YEAST POWDER. It will be found a truly economical and valuable assistant in making biscuits, rolls, bread, cake of all kinds, stews, soups, and most all articles prepared from flour; and why? Because, in using the Dooley Powder you save in eggs, in shortening, in butter, in everything; and when the baking is done, it is turned out light, palatable, and wholesome, so that every morsel is eaten up and no waste.

APPROPRIATE.—Beautiful linen hemstitched handkerchiefs, half dozen in box, for a Christmas present; prices moderate, at Katzenstein's, the fashionable clothier, 310 Seventh street, Washington, D. C.

For upwards of thirty years Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup has been used for children. It cures colic of the stomach, relieves whooping cough, regulates the bowels, cures dysentery and cholera, whether arising from teething or other causes. An old and well tried remedy, 25 cents a bottle.

FOR BAKING PANS, CAKE PANS, PIE PANS, Oyster Cans, Cake Cutters, Tin Toys, or anything in the tinware line, call on Stansbury & Bro., corner King and Columbus sts. dec 21

PROCEEDINGS OF CONGRESS.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9 1879.

SENATE.

A large number of petitions were presented during the morning hour, among them many favoring the passage of the bill granting arrears of pensions; and in answer to a question of Mr. Howe, as to when that bill would be considered, Mr. Ingalls, Chairman of the Committee on Pensions, stated he proposed to call it up as soon as the bill to amend the patent laws should be disposed of.

During the morning hour Mr. Beck called up the resolution, submitted by him on the 7th instant, relative to the resignation of December 31 relative to the amount of silver coin received in payment of customs duties, which disposition has been made of it, and, to the Committee on Finance with instructions to report as to whether the laws relative to the payment of customs, duties, and interest on the public debt have been and are being complied with.

Mr. Beck called at some length the answer of the Secretary of the Treasury to the resolution of December 31, and said special resumption had been reached by the ruin of hundreds of thousands of the best men of the country. All he, Mr. Beck, was seeking to do now was to require the Secretary of the Treasury to use silver coin as he does gold coin in the payment of interest, and forbid him from increasing the bonded debt of the country.

The Secretary had not answered the resolution as a public officer should do. He will know he had not paid a dollar of silver coin as interest on the public debt. Mr. Beck spoke of Secretary Sherman as the author of the Treasury Department, and said it was true as said by Prince Bismarck that "the who holds the money bags controls the politics of the country." Congress ought to see to it that the laws are executed in the interest of the people.

At the conclusion of Mr. Beck's remarks, the resolution submitted by him, relating the answer of the Secretary of the Treasury to the Finance Committee for investigation, was agreed to unanimously.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill to amend the patent laws.

Mr. Wiedm of Minnesota, from the Committee on Appropriations, reported back the Indian Appropriation bill with sundry amendments, and gave notice that he would call it up for consideration to-morrow.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

When the House met this morning the desk of the late Julian Hartridge, of Georgia, was testfully draped in black, and upon it was placed a handsome basket of flowers.

Mr. Cook, of Georgia, offered a resolution providing that the funeral services of the late Julian Hartridge should be held in the hall of the House this afternoon at 3 o'clock, and inviting the Senate to be present during the ceremonies.

The resolution was unanimously adopted, and

The House took a recess until 2:55.

NOTES.

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Commerce was called for this morning and action was taken on the bill to amend the act relating to the members assembled, and consequently no business was transacted.

The discussion of the sugar question was continued to-day before the Committee of Ways and Means of the House.

The condition to-day of Representative Schlicher, of Texas, who has been confined to his bed for several days past, is very critical. Indeed, he is suffering from partial paralysis and erysipelas in the lower limbs.

Strike.

CINCINNATI, O., Jan. 9.—The miners in Ray's coal works and the sudden strike at Barnesville, Ohio, struck yesterday for an advance of half a cent per bushel. Men are expected from the east to fill their places to-day when trouble is anticipated.

Death of a Publisher.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 9.—M. J. Kelly, senior member of the well known Catholic book and publishing house of Kelly, Piet & Co., died this morning in the 66th year of his age. He was for many years treasurer of the Hibernian Society of this city.

If you should have a lame horse, and have used every remedy without success, invest 50 cents in a bottle of Keller's Roman Liniment, and if that fails you may rest assured that he is a gone case.

AN INCOME WITHOUT CARE.—By the combination method of operating in stocks a handsome income can be secured without care. Capital is any amount, from \$100 to \$50,000, may be used with equal proportionate success. By this system success is guaranteed. Lawrence & Co., Bankers, N. Y., pool the orders of thousands of customers, of various sums into one vast amount, and co-operate them under the most skillful management, dividing profits monthly. Each share holder thus obtains all the advantages of the largest capital and experienced skill, and the uncertainty of profits is very great; \$20 will pay \$100 in 30 days; \$200 will return \$1,835, or 75 per cent, on the stock, and so on, as the market varies. P. D. Drake, Esq., publisher Rock Island (Ill.) Daily Argus, made \$100 in 15 on the investment of \$20 in October. Hundreds of others are coming in better. Messrs. Lawrence & Co.'s, new circular has "no unerring rules for success in stock operations," and full information, so that any one can deal in stocks. All kinds of bonds and stocks wanted. New Government bonds, from \$100 to \$10,000, for sale. Apply to Lawrence & Co., Bankers, 67 Exchange Place, N. Y. City.

OUR TENURE OF LIFE DEPENDS IN great measure upon our regard for, or neglect of, the laws of health. If we regard them we cannot expect to "make old bones." But at the expense of existence allotted to a naturally delicate constitution, or one which has been shaken by disease may be materially lengthened, a fact of which we have daily proof. The invigorating and restorative influence of Dooley's stomach Bitters upon a failing physical organism, striking illustration of the power of judicious medication to strengthen the body on its life. Its rest digestion, complete assimilation, renewed appetite, sound repose, these are among the benefits conferred upon the debilitated by use of this valuable remedy. With a circulation enriched, a frame invigorated, and a nervous system tranquil, a life of usefulness, and a course of the Bitters, is a treasure no longer to be reckoned at a trifling thing, but that he may yet enjoy a "green old age."

HAIR'S VEGETABLE SICILIAN HAIR RESTORER is a safe and reliable combination of some of the most powerful restorative agents in the vegetable kingdom. It restores gray hair to its original color. It makes the scalp white and clean. It cures dandruff and humors, and falling-out of the hair. It furnishes the nutritive principle by which the hair is nourished and supported. It makes the hair moist, soft and glossy and is unsurpassed as a hair-dressing. It is the most economical preparation ever offered to the public, as it effects a permanent cure. It is recommended and used by eminent medical men, and is officially endorsed by the State Assayer of Massachusetts. The popularity of Hair's Hair Restorer has increased with the test of time, and it is now known and used in all the civilized countries of the world. For sale by E. S. Leadbeater & Bro.

NOTICE.—The watches, clocks, etc., which have been left at our store for repairs, and which have been on hand for a long time past, will be sold to satisfy claims for repairs not called for within thirty days.

FIVE BARRELS SOUTHERN PEARL NOMINALLY just received by J. C. MILBURN.

FOR A GOOD FIVE CENT SUGAR go to J. C. MILBURN'S 19 North Royal street.

SMALL SUGAR CURED HAMS. Shoulders and Breakfast Pieces for sale by J. C. MILBURN.

Meteorological.

The month of December, just past, notwithstanding its apparent calmness, has been quite an eventful month, the most of its weather for many years—particularly to fit the atmospheric pressure is concerned. We had the lowest barometer, just preceding the great storm and gale of the 24th of October last, that we had for upwards of ten years. Yet just during the storm of the 10th and 11th of December the barometer was still lower, the most so for 15 or more years. The temperature was more even, although ranging from 61° on the 22d down to 16° on the mornings of the 25th and 26th. The mean for the month was 54.30. The barometer ranged from 30.12 inches on the 19th down to 28.35 in. on the morning of the 11th. The mean range for the month was 29.65, which is quite below the yearly average (59.75). The rain fell for the month was 4.25 inches; prevailing wind northwest. The mean temperature for December for the past ten years was 54.69; for the past December 34.93, which has been about the average for the last ten years.

GILLYSHAM.
Accitick, Va., 1st mo., January, 1879.

Terrible Explosion.
PITTSBURG, Pa., Jan. 9.—A terrible explosion occurred early this morning at the Pennsylvania Coal Company's shaft No. 4. The loss of life cannot be ascertained at present.

AMUSEMENTS.

LECTURE.
The Rev. Dr. R. H. McKim. Will deliver his lecture, "ACROSS THE CONTINENT, AND THROUGH THE YOSEMITE VALLEY," on TUESDAY EVENING next, January 14th, in Christ Church Lecture Room, the proceeds of the lecture to be applied to the repairing of the roof of the church. Lecture to begin at 7 1/2 o'clock. Admittance 25c. Tickets for sale at Entwistle's and French's bookstores and at the door.

SABRETT HALL—ONE NIGHT ONLY, MONDAY, JAN. 13, 1879.

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At these performances Blind Tom will exhibit the marvelous gift which has gained him world wide celebrity, and which has both astonished and delighted the greatest masters of music.

Children.....25 cts
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The next session begins FEB. 10th. Tuition and room rent free, and board at \$7 a month with opportunities for earning on farm or in shop. Increased advantages for mechanics. Military drill twice a week. For appointment or catalogue address

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NOTICE TO GAS CONSUMERS.

Bills for the quarter ending December 15th are now ready for delivery. On all bills prompt payment of 10 per cent will be allowed.

J. ROXBURY, Sup't.

FIRST NAT'L BANK, ALEXANDRIA, Jan. 7th, 1879.

The semi annual DIVIDEND (THREE PER CENT) will be paid to the stockholders on and after MONDAY, January 13th, 1879.

CHAS. H. BOODEE, Cashier.

GERMAN BANKING CO., Alexandria, Va., January 6, 1879.

A semi annual DIVIDEND (THREE PER CENT) will be paid to stockholders in this bank on and after January 9th, 1879.

JAS. H. REID, Cashier.

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